

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—O. T. Street of Kansas City, was in our city this week.

—Prof. E. O. Noble returned Saturday from his extended eastern trip.

—Dr. Shriver of Galena was in our city Monday on professional business.

—Dr. B. McClasky of Wakefield, Ky., was visiting with Dr. Theo. Griffin this week.

—A. J. Hunt of Joplin, representing the Joplin Importing Co., was in our city yesterday.

—Dr. Theo. Griffin is spending a week in Kansas City for business as well as some pleasure.

—W. W. Scott departed on Thursday afternoon for the south with two car loads of mules and horses.

—Mrs. J. J. Fibley and son Edward are visiting friends in Kansas City for a couple of weeks.

—Col. F. M. Shaw, a prominent factor in the late lamented Baxter boom, was in the city Monday on business.

—Master Fred Wilbur returned to school at Kansas City yesterday after a short holiday visit with his parents.

—Arthur and Fred Crowell came down from the state university at Lawrence last week to spend the holiday vacation with their parents.

—Dr. J. M. Duncan returned Wednesday morning from a trip to Illinois and will remain in the city for a week or ten days in the absence of Dr. Griffin.

—Chas. L. Smith and wife of Joplin came over to see their parents Sunday, and on Monday removed their household goods to that now lively city. Charlie is the main typo on the Joplin Herald.

## SCOTT'S CHALLENGE ACCEPTED.

Milton M. Yoas of Lowell, accepts the challenge made by W. W. Scott in these columns last week in reference to mule colts and proposes that Mr. Scott choose a judge, L. C. Wilbur another and the two selected a third who shall be the judges and determine upon the respective merits of colts to be shown on Military street opposite the Baxter Bank in this city on New Year's day at 2 p. m.

## The Joplin Importing Company.

We are new people in the country with better goods for the money than any other house west of the Mississippi. Send your order for liquors to the Joplin Importing Co., Joplin, Mo., if you want good treatment and a square deal. Whiskies from \$1.50 to \$5.00 per gallon. SEND THE CASH and get good goods every time.

The Christmas tree entertainment given by the M. E. Sunday School at the city hall was a great success notwithstanding the very inclement weather. The stage arrangement was the prettiest we have ever seen there. At each end of the stage in front was erected a beautiful evergreen tree which were connected overhead with a double arch of evergreen surmounted by the words "A Merry Christmas" in large red and white letters. The rear of the stage was tastefully ornamented with evergreen and appropriate mottoes. The public is indebted to Mr. A. L. Huff and W. W. Scott for the pretty stage arrangement, which required several days hard labor to complete and the expenditure of considerable money. The entertainment consisted of music, declamations, &c., by the little folks and a quite catchy dialogue by some of the older ones, closing with the appearance of Santa Claus and the distribution of the presents to the children. The hall was completely filled and all seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly. The oyster supper given by the ladies in the lower rooms was also a complete success.

Seneca Dispatch: A Joplin man, who knows whereof he speaketh, says that it is almost a certainty that a railroad will be built from Joplin or Baxter to Seneca next season and work on same commenced in the early spring. The Missouri Pacific is already building to Grand Falls, 15 miles north of here, and with the Gulf at Baxter, it is not improbable that these two great rival lines will look with jealous eyes toward Seneca with her increased business and rapidly developing mineral industries, and each will stretch forward to grasp the business, the shipments of ore and merchandise, which our growing town will have to offer. The heavy timber along the line will supply ties for many miles of railroad at a low cost.

The Christmas eve entertainment at the Presbyterian church is pronounced by those present to have been the most successful in every way of any given there for several years. Though the attendance was not unusually great the musical and literary program was exceptionally fine and those who were present had a very enjoyable evening of it. The church decorations were exceedingly tasty and unique.

There are a few young ladies in this town who are keeping too late hours away from home and getting almost too boisterous for their own good. They should remember that their character is the one thing which they must preserve and protect in order to enjoy the fruits of a happy life. We just want to gently remind them to be careful as eyes are often watching them when they are not aware of it.

## CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

December 24, 1890.  
Council met in adjourned session. Mayor Harvey presiding and Councilmen Gregg, Slater, Perkins and Scott present.

Minutes of meeting held Dec. 9 and 16 read and approved.

Mr. Slater reported that parties had failed to bring oak lumber as previously agreed, but that another party agreed to furnish it at \$18 per thousand and take pay in city scrip.

Mr. Scott moved that Mr. Slater proceed to buy for the city at price above stated 10,000 feet of oak lumber. Carried.

Mr. Scott moved that the motion passed at last meeting to pay costs in the right of way matter be reconsidered.

Mr. Slater arose to a point of order and objected on the ground that the action at last meeting was final.

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance providing for the appropriation of the sum of — dollars toward paying for the construction of a bridge over Willow creek upon a public highway leading into the city of Baxter Springs," was presented and read.

Mr. Perkins moved that \$150 be appropriated for the bridge. Motion carried by a vote of Yeas—Perkins, Gregg, Scott, Nay—Slater.

Mr. Perkins moved that the ordinance be placed upon its second reading under a suspension of the rules. Carried.

Mr. Perkins moved that the ordinance as read be placed upon its final passage.

City Attorney Smith said that he could not vouch for the legality of such an appropriation.

The yeas and nays were called on Mr. Perkins' proposition with the following result: Yeas—Perkins, Gregg, Scott, Nay—Slater.

The mayor thought the appropriation illegal and did not approve the ordinance.

Mr. Perkins moved that the City Attorney be instructed to appear before the county commissioners at their January meeting, on behalf of the city with regard to the assessable property near the Baxter dam and look after tax money belonging to this city. Motion carried.

On motion council adjourned.

## OBITUARY.

Died, at the residence of his son D. B. Peake, in this city, Saturday morning, December 20, 1890, at 8 o'clock, George R. Peake, aged 83 years, 3 months and 13 days. Mr. Peake was an old resident of Kansas City and the remains were taken there by his sons David, Charles and William on Sunday, the burial taking place at Union cemetery on Monday afternoon. He had come to visit his son David some two months since and about two weeks ago was attacked with his final illness.

## Basket Supper at Blue Mound.

There will be a grand masque basket supper given at Blue Mound school house on Tuesday evening, December 30, 1890. Each lady will come with basket containing supper for two persons, and after being masked will be sold at auction to the highest bidder. The proceeds of the entertainment are to be devoted to the establishment of a library for the benefit of the neighborhood. All are cordially invited and an enjoyable evening is anticipated.

We are requested to announce that Rev. J. H. Byers, an evangelist, will assist Rev. Marshall in a series of meetings in Baxter Springs, beginning Jan. 15, 1891. Rev. Byers will begin his work in Galena Jan. 2d and continue until the 15th of the month, at which time he will change to Baxter and continue for two weeks. Will all the pastors and people unite with them, with their prayers and assistance? May they not expect a great refreshing from the Lord if they unite in this effort to save souls? What shall the harvest be?

The News family were the recipients Christmas morning of a fifty-pound sack of the Baxter Springs-Milling Co's. high patent flour with the compliments of Col. Alexander Warner. The flour is of the very highest grade which the most modern machinery under expert management is capable of manufacturing and is one of our most highly prized Christmas gifts.

The Southeastern Cherokee County Teachers Association will hold a convention in Baxter Springs on Saturday, January 17, 1891. If our citizens do as our neighboring towns do on such occasions they will give the teachers a warm reception and do everything in their power to properly entertain them and make them feel at home while here.

There is a fair attendance of scholars at the city schools, living outside the district, and still there is room for more. Mr. Bowman, the principal, is making an exceptionally good school, and no scholar wishing to take the higher branches should leave the county without first taking a course in our city schools.

A NEW IDEA.—A recent contract provides for street lighting in Paris on a novel plan. Power is distributed by the compressed air system to a great number of small motors, each of which supplies electricity for a small number of lamps.

## AN ENTERPRISING MAN.

He Wastes a Great Deal of Good English on the Wrong Customer.

"Want to buy a wheelbarrow, madam?" demanded the aggressive-looking man at the front door of a dwelling near Jackson Park the other day.

"What in the world do I want with a wheelbarrow?" said the astonished woman of the house.

"Sold twenty-seven in this neighborhood since yesterday morning," he retorted, "and most of them to people who are among the very best in this part of Chicago."

"I don't see why—"

"Pardon me. You are aware that the World's Columbian Exposition is to be held within half a mile of this house?"

"Yes, but what has that—"

"Pardon me again. You have relatives who will visit you during the Exposition. Very good. All of us have. Each of these relatives, or the great majority of them, will bring a trunk. The ordinary charge of an expressman for taking a trunk to or from a railway station is 25 cents. Owing to the great increase in business that year, or to the probably formation of an expressman's trust, the charge will be 50 cents. The Exposition will last six months. You will have an average of one relative with a trunk for every week during all that time, and of course you will have to pay for taking that trunk to and from your house. The relative will protest mildly against your looking after the trunk, but you'll do it. You'll pay \$1 for drayage on every trunk that comes to your house and goes away from it while the Exposition lasts. That will bring your expenses for that item alone up to \$36. Now mark! The wheelbarrow I am selling will cost \$1.50 each. They are strong, serviceable, light and just the thing for knocking out an extortionate expressman's trust. All you have to do is to pay a boy 10 cents for wheeling the trunk. Cost of wheelbarrow, \$1.50. Expense for boy, twenty-six weeks, \$3.90. Total, \$5.40. Saving effected by adoption of wheelbarrow plan, \$31.90—enough to buy a good hard-coal stove. I'm selling by sample, madam, you understand. I take your order now and deliver in the spring of 1891. Expect to sell 10,000 of them before that time. James, bring that wheelbarrow inside the gate, so the lady can see it."

"He needn't do it," said the lady. "I don't want it."

"I assure you, madam, \$1.50 is the very lowest figure at which you can buy the kind of wheelbarrow I am selling, and if I didn't get it at a big discount from manufacturer's price on account of the quantity I expect to order I could not—"

"I don't want it, sir."

"Possibly you see no necessity of paying a boy 10 cents for each trip. There are boys, I admit, who will do it for five, if promised a regular job. Or you may have a boy of your own. In that case you save the entire 10 cents. Total saving by wheelbarrow plan—"

"I have several boys, sir. I also have a husband—"

"Ah?"

"Who is in the expressing business himself. Owns three or four wagons. Expects to make a good thing hauling trunks in 1891."

"You ought to have told me this when I began, madam," said the man, as he backed down the steps. "I have wasted enough sound argument and good English on you to have sold three or four of these machines to any ordinary customer. James, come along with that wheelbarrow over to the next house. Step lively, now, confound you!"—Chicago Tribune.

## BREAKING A HUSH.

It Was Done By a Gentleman Who Picked Up a Wasp By the Big End.

It was only the other day that an oldish gentleman, who no doubt writes "Hon." before his name, was pacing up and down in the waiting room of the Erie depot across the river, evidently waiting for his train to depart. His mind seemed to be totally occupied with things far away—perhaps with some county fair at which he had arranged to speak. He saw the people around him, but heeded them not. In his walk he finally stopped at a window and leaned his elbow on the sill and looked out. The lower sash was up and a balmy breeze blew in. Those who were watching the man saw his lips move, and now and then he made a gesture with his right arm, as if he felt himself facing the crowd.

Half an hour previously some woman whose jaws were weary with chewing gum had left the cnd on this same window sill—perhaps sought to fire it into the street and missed her aim. A wasp in search of something good had discovered it. He wasn't making much headway toward filling up when the "Hon." stopped before him, but his antics certainly proved that he was tickled with his find. There was an aroma and a sweetness there, and he was playing for it when the man suddenly lost the run of his speech, grasped for it became abstracted, and finished by reaching out and picking the insect up.

There was a hush in the depot just at that moment. It was suddenly knocked into a cocked hat by a "w-h-o-o-p!" and everybody turned to see the "Hon." jumping up and down and waving a hand on high. Some of the people shouted out that the man had fished others that he was drunk, and everybody crowded forward to see. A feverish-looking man, with a coil of rope on his arm, solved the mystery first, and he turned to the crowd and explained:

"Neither fits nor whisky. He was joss fool nuff to pick up a yaller jacket by the big end, and his thumb w'll have the toothache for about a week to come."

The "Hon." had no remarks to add. He seized his grip and made for the door, and was in sight only long enough to ask a policeman how to find the nearest drug store.—N. Y. Sun.

—Miss Evelyn—"Mr. Penn, I thought you told me your story in Scribner's was to be filled with large cuts." Mr. Fountain Pen—"I misunderstood the editor, it seems. They made the cuts but they made them with a blue pencil, and struck out more than half I wrote."—Jester.

## BAMBOOS EVERYWHERE.

In Burmah They Are the Foundation of Nearly Every Work of Man.

There are countries where it seems to supply almost every human requirement, and where the feathery masses of its foliage, drooping, like the weeping willow, over road and river and village, bespeak an ideal of life beyond the reach of less primitive communities. Here man is unspooled by artificial wants, untouched by the march of thought or of science, and nature unsolicited supplies with lavish hand his simple needs. It is an ideal which it seems almost sacrilege to disturb, and in presence of which the highest aim of the foreign intruder should be to preserve its primary conditions intact. No better example can be cited of the land of the bamboo than one of those Indo-Chinese provinces, of which Burmah is the best known to Europeans.

Like the fir in northern climates, it is the bamboo which here gives an unmistakable stamp to the rural landscape, while it is literally the framework and foundation of nearly every work of man. It is no exaggeration to say that the same jungles which give cover to wild animal life of every form and tribe, exert a beneficent influence also on every step of life of their human inhabitants.

The Burmese child plays with bamboo toys in a house of which roof and walls and floors are for the most part made from the same generous plant. Through boyhood and manhood and old age this helpful comrade is always by his side. On land or water, in peace or war, in the homes of the rich and the poor, in art and manufacture, in the market and the field, at feast and funeral, this is the substance of all that man most needs and values for ornament or use.

Towns and villages are built from its stems and leaves; the fisherman's rod and float, and raft; the hunter's snare; it bridges the torrent, bears water from the well and irrigates the fields. It is food and medicine for cattle and even for men; and there is music, too, not only in the rustle of its leaves, but in its woody heart, from which more than one musical instrument is made.—Blackwood's Magazine.

## A ROYAL GRAB-ALL.

Labouchere Scores the Duke of Edinburgh For His Foreign Qualities.

The Duke of Edinburgh visited Devonport last week, and gave orders for extensive "structural alterations" in the Admiralty House, Mount Wise, including the building of some new rooms and offices. The house is already more than sufficiently spacious for the requirements of any ordinary commander-in-chief, and I do not see why the country should be made to pay for the gratification of the Duke's caprices, as the additions which he proposes to make (at the public expense) will render it too costly a residence for any Admiral who does not possess considerable private means.

In fact, the Duke's appointment is, as I have before said, a scandalous job. It appears to have been forgotten that when H. R. H. was promoted (at a preposterously early age) to the rank of Rear-Admiral by an order in council it was officially and formally stated that he was to be borne upon the ordinary establishment as a supernumerary, in order that he might not interfere with the promotion or employment of the scores of deserving Captains who were his seniors. The fact is, however, that the Duke of Edinburgh has since been constantly employed, and has held all the best posts in the service, having been in succession Admiral Superintendent of Naval Reserves, thereby depriving a Rear-Admiral of the birth; then commander of the channel squadron, to the detriment of a Vice-Admiral, and finally Commander-in-Chief in the Mediterranean.

Now the Duke goes to Devonport for three years, and his appointment is peculiarly objectionable, because there are very few posts which are open to Admirals (of whom there are eight on the list), and this happens to be the most lucrative of those few. If the Duke of Edinburgh had been sent to Portsmouth the arrangement would not have been objectionable, but there is something curiously sordid in his picking out a port inferior in point of dignity, but superior in emolument; for, although the salary at Portsmouth is larger, yet the expenses there are so heavy that in the long run Devonport is by far the better port from the pecuniary point of view. The Duke is the wealthiest member of the Royal family except the Queen, so it is really the most discreditable that he should grab such an appointment.—London Truth.

—Jacob—"That boy of ours, Rachel, is bound to be a wealthy man."—Rachel—"What makes you think so, Jacob?"—Jacob—"Why, when he picks up a paper the first thing he reads is the 'diamond points.'"—Boston Herald.

## THIS AD. OUGHT TO BE TWO FEET LONG.

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## Publication Notice.

State of Kansas, County of Cherokee ss.  
In the District Court in and for said County and State.  
The Baxter Bank (a corporation, etc.) plaintiff,  
C. H. Weagley and F. E. Weagley, defendants.  
The State of Kansas to C. H. Weagley and F. E. Weagley, defendants:

You and each of you are hereby notified that you have been sued in the district court of Cherokee county, Kansas, by the said plaintiff, The Baxter Bank, the plaintiff's petition against you is filed in said court in the office of the clerk thereof, in the city of Council Bluffs, in said county and state; that you must answer said petition upon or before the 30th day of January, 1891, or the said petition will be taken as true and judgment be rendered against you in said action and in favor of plaintiff, The Baxter Bank, for the sum of Five thousand and Thirty-five Dollars (\$5350.00), with interest thereon from September 3d, 1890, at the rate of ten (10) per centum per annum, together with interest upon Six hundred and Thirty-five Dollars (\$635.00) from August 21st, 1890, to September 3d, 1890, at the rate of ten per centum per annum and for costs of suit.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, in my office in the city of Council Bluffs (SEAL) in said county and state this 18th day of December, 1890.

Attest: J. B. HAMILL, ON, Clerk of the District Court of Cherokee Co., Kas. SAMUEL L. S. 1111, Attorney for Plaintiff.

## Notice of Stockholders Meeting.

There will be a meeting of the stockholders of The Galena, Galena and Western Railway Company at the office of the company in the city of Baxter Springs, Kansas, January 3d, 1891, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of amending the by-law of the company.

ALEXANDER WARREN, President.

Attest: O. J. NICHOLS, Secretary.

## NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Baxter Springs Manufacturing Company, for the purpose of electing a board of directors, and for the transaction of any other business that may legally come before it, will be held at the office of the company in the Baxter Bank, Baxter Springs, Kansas, on Monday, the 17th day of January, 1891, at 2 o'clock p. m.

SAMUEL BECKER, President.

B. S. WARNER, Secretary.



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